Kia ora tātou,

I am really excited to be able to talk to you now that we have got decisions on starting the new transformed system in MidCentral. Hopefully by now you have had a chance to see what Ministers said when they made the announcement and to read all of the new information that is there.

We have got summaries of the Cabinet paper and the Cabinet papers, and we have Frequently Asked Questions and a lot more information you might want to read, including the press release from Ministers.

Some of the key things that I wanted to highlight in terms of what’s in the announcements, is that we will be starting in MidCentral on the 1st of October, 2018.

Kua hīkaka ahau kia kōrero ki a koutou nā te mea kua tau ngā whakaaro e pā ana ki te tīmatanga o te pūnaha panoni hou i MidCentral. Ko te tūmanako kua whai wā koutou ki te kite i ngā kōrero a ngā Minita i tā rātou whakakakau, ā, kua whai wā ki te pānui i ngā pārongo hou katoa kei reira hoki.

Kei a mātou ētahi whakarāpopototanga o te puka a Te Rūnanga Kāwanatanga, me ngā puka tonu a Te Rūnanga Kāwanatanga hoki, ā, kei a mātou ngā Pātai Auau me ētahi anō pārongo ka hiahia koutou ki te pānui pea, tae atu ki te putanga pāpāho mai i ngā Minita.

Ko ētahi kōrero matua kei roto i ngā pānui ka hiahia au te tīpako ko ēnei, ka tīmatahia te kaupapa ki MidCentral hei te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku i 2018.

For people who are in MidCentral, I just want to assure you that the support you receive on the 30th of September will continue to be the support that you receive on the 1st of October. There will be no changes for you unless you come to us saying that you would like to make a change or at the time we get to a regular review point.

The other thing you might have seen in the announcements is that there will be two teams. For a long time we have heard there is a real need to keep the Connector role, an ally who can walk alongside disabled people and families, separate from funding decisions. And so we have got two teams that we will be trying out in the prototype - one that will be about the front face and connecting with disabled people and families and one that will have all of the back office type functions supporting Connectors to work with disabled people and families. But that doesn’t mean you have to have a Connector either, it’s an option for all people and you don’t have to take it up.

Ka hiahia au ki te āta whakamōhio atu ki a koutou, ki ngā tāngata o MidCentral, ko te tautoko ka whiwhi koutou ā te 30 o Mahuru ka haere tonu ā te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku. Kāore kau he rerekētanga, māna ka haere mai koutou ki a mātou, ka tae ki te arotake kauteatea rānei me te whakamōhio mai ka hiahia koutou ki te panoni.

Kua kitea pea i roto i ngā pānui e rua ngā tīma. Kua roa mātou ka rongo ka tino hiahia kia ū tonu ki te tūranga Kaihono, arā, ko tētahi hoa ka whakaaetia ki te hīkoi i te taha o ngā tāngata hauā me ngā whānau, engari ka noho wehe i ngā whakataunga pūtea. Nō reira, e rua ngā tīma ka whakamātauria e mātou ki te tauira – ko tētahi ka hāngai ki te mata ā-mua, ka hono ki te hunga hauā me ngā whānau, ko tētahi anō ka whiwhi ki ngā momo āheinga o te tari ā-muri ka tautoko i ngā Kaihono ki te mahi ki te taha o te hunga hauā me ngā whānau. Engari ehara hoki i te mea me whai Kaihono koe, mā ngā tāngata katoa taua whiringa, ā, ehara hoki i te mea me whiriwhiri pērā koe.

So while we have been busy working on announcements and really excited about being able to tell you this, the rest of the team have been working on lots of other things as well. We have been working on developing the funding allocation and process and tools, and I know that a lot of people are interested in what we are doing in this area. The first phase of information is now out for virtual testing and if anybody would like to be part of that testing. Please contact us at STfeedback@moh.govt.nz .

I a mātou e arotahi ana ki te mahi whakarite whakakakau me te hihiri ki te whakamōhio atu ki a koutou, ka arotahi ērā atu tāngata o te tīma ki ētahi mahi maha kē atu. Kua whanakehia e mātou te tāpae pūtea me ōna hātepe me ōna taputapu, ā, ka mōhio ka tokomaha ngā tāngata ka aro mai ki ā mātou mahi i tēnei āhuatanga. Kua puta te wāhanga tuatahi o te pārongo hei mea whakamātautau mariko, ā, ki te hiahia tētahi tangata ki te whai wāhi ki taua whakamātautau, tēnā, whakapā mai ki STfeedback@moh.govt.nz .

The other thing is that there is now, on the government electronic tender system, we have got a Request for Proposal out to try and find people who want to do the baseline data gathering for us in MidCentral. So before we start, we want to understand, What are the experiences now for disabled people and whānau? What’s happening for providers and also the workforce? And to understand what processes are in place and what people’s experiences are? What are the outcomes that are being achieved before we start the transformed system. So we can look back and see what has changed and whether that has worked out better or not for disabled people and families.

Arā tētahi anō kōrero, koia kua tukuna ki te pūnaha tono kāwanatanga ā-tāhiko tētahi Tono Whakakaupapa hei rapu i ngā tāngata ka hiahia te whakaemi i ngā raraunga taketake i MidCentral. Nā, hei mua mai i te tā mātau tīmatanga mahi, ka hiahia mātou ki te mōhio, He aha ngā wheako o te hunga hauā me ō ngā whānau i tēnei wā? He aha ngā mahi me ngā kaupapa a ngā kaiwhakarato me te hunga kaimahi hoki? Me whai mōhio ki ngā hātepe me ngā wheako o ngā tāngata? He aha ngā putanga ka whakawhiwhia i mua i te tīmatanga o te pūnaha kua panonihia? Nō reira ka taea e tātou te titiro whakamuri kia kite ai i ngā panoni, ā, kia kite hoki i te pai ake rānei o ngā hua ka puta mā te hunga hauā rātou ko ngā whānau.

The final thing is that it’s really important that we start communicating more to you about what it will mean for you, whether you are a disabled person, a whānau member, a provider, part of the workforce, a government agency official or someone in an existing NASC. So we will be starting live streaming sessions. They will be open to everybody but will be focussed on different groups, so one for disabled people, one for whānau, initially one for providers, but we are also looking at the potential for having separate ones around different types of provider groups. We will be getting out to you so you have plenty of notice about when those sessions will be happening.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in getting us to this stage. A lot of work went into developing the high level and detailed design and a lot of that work came from you, disabled people, whānau members, providers, workforce, the NASC people involved and also people from Disability Support Services and other government agencies. So thank you and congratulations on getting to this point.

Hei kōrero whakamutunga, me nui atu ka tika ā mātou whakamōhio atu ki a koutou ē pā ana ki ngā pānga ki a koutou, ahakoa he tangata hauā, nō tētahi whānau rānei, he kaiwhakarato rānei, nō te hunga kaimahi rānei, he āpiha tari kāwanatanga rānei, nō tētahi NASC o tēnei wā rānei. Nā, ka whakatū mātou i ētahi pāhotanga mataora. Ka wātea ēnei pāhotanga ki te katoa engari ka arotahi ki rōpū kē, arā, ko tētahi mā te hunga hauā, ko tētahi mā ngā whānau, ko tētahi mā ngā kaiwhakarato i te tīmatanga, engari ka rapu haere mātou ka taea rānei te whakatū rōpū motuhake mā ngā momo rōpū kaiwhakarato kē atu. Ka torotoro atu mātou ki a koutou kia tino moata ai te whakamōhio atu ki a koutou āhea aua pāhotanga.

Heoi anō ka tōaitia te mihi ki ngā tāngata katoa ka whai wāhi ki te whakaahu whakamua i te kaupapa ki tōna taumata. He nui rā te mahi ki te whanake i te hoahoa tiketike, āmiki hoki, ā, nā koutou tonu, arā, nā te hunga hauā, nā ngā whānau, nā ngā kaiwhakarato, nā te hunga kaimahi, nā ngā tāngata o NASC i whai wāhi, koutou ko ngā tāngata nō ngā Ratonga Tautoko Hauā me ētahi anō tari kāwanatanga. Nō reira tēnā koutou, ngā mihi ki a koutou, tātou nei kua eke ki te taumata.